

# Spring Vale Primary

Weekly News - 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Assembly Theme week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> January: Martin Luther King Day

## REMINDER OF SCHOOL TIMES

Breakfast Club is open from 7.40 am until 8.30 am. The charge for this is £2 per child, per day, payable online.

Reminder of school start and finishing times:-

Year Group	Start time	Finish time
AM Nursery	8.30 am	11.30 am
PM Nursery	12.15 pm	3.15 pm
Reception	8.30 - 8.45 am	3.00 pm
Year 1		3.05 pm
Year 2		3.10 pm
Year 3	8.30 - 8.45 am	3.00 pm
Year 4		
Year 5		
Year 6		

(Any child arriving to school after 8.45 am is late)



## LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

Please note all leave of absence requests during term time will be unauthorised. We understand that there may be exceptional circumstances that require a child to be absent, but it is crucial to emphasise the importance of regular attendance for the educational progress of our pupils. If the leave of absence request is for an exceptional circumstance, you would need to provide appropriate documentation or evidence to support this. Whilst we cannot guarantee that these requests will be authorised, each case will be carefully considered on an individual basis.

Attendance at Spring Vale means that over a school year ...

0 Days Missed	→	100%	→	Perfection
4 Days Missed	→	98%	→	Well Done
★ 7 Days Missed	→	96%	→	Good ★
9 Days Missed	→	95%	→	Nearly There
11 Days Missed	→	94%	→	Needs Improving
4 Weeks Missed	→	90%	→	Persistent Absence
6 Weeks Missed	→	85%	→	Serious Concerns

## SEVERE WEATHER REMINDER

Just a reminder of the procedures for severe weather/school closure due to extreme weather. When there is light snow/ice, school will **always** be open. However, in the event of heavy snow where it is dangerous for staff and children to attempt to get to school, it might be necessary to close school. If school did have to close, we would always notify parents by text message in the first instance. **For this reason, please ensure that your contact information is always up to date with school so that you receive the messages.** We are aware that parents who have downloaded the Teachers2Parents app don't always know that a message has been sent by school. We ask that you **delete the app** so that any text messages sent from school will come through as a text message alert. Any school closure would also be announced on Wolverhampton Today on social media.



## WINTER COATS

Please send children to school with suitable winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves etc. Even when the weather is cold, we still go outside at playtimes and lunchtimes.

**Please ensure your child's name is on all clothing brought in to school - it is very difficult for us to find lost items of clothing if there is no name in them!**

If any parents would like to donate coats that your children have now grown out of, we can pass these on to Coats for Kids.

### COATS FOR KIDS

Does your child need a coat for the winter season, or do you know a family in need of coats?

We are a **FREE** service.

We are urgently seeking families with children or services working directly with families who may benefit from our project.

Whatever the need, all are welcome to receive free donated kid's coats. No referral or voucher is needed. Anyone can email Gillian on:

[coatsforkidswolves@outlook.com](mailto:coatsforkidswolves@outlook.com)

**There is no reason a child should ever be cold.**



Need a Coat?  
Take one!  
Want to help?  
Leave one!



## ACADEMY TRUST UPDATE

The consultation period has now passed. Thank you to parents for your comments and positive responses. We will shortly be arranging a parent drop-in session with representatives from Lykos Trust where you will be able to ask any questions you may have.

## Special lunch - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January

We are having a special lunch menu on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January to help promote the school meals! If your child doesn't usually have a school meal, this is the ideal opportunity for them to try it.

Each child who has a school dinner on that day will be entered into a class raffle prize draw.

*The Menu for the day is:*

Chicago Town cheese or pepperoni pizza  
or vegan nuggets  
Chips, baked beans or sweetcorn  
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Mini jam Doughnuts, cheese crackers or fruit



Protect your child this winter from

# Influenza

Children's Flu vaccination clinics 2024

Available to all children from Reception to Year 11

### 1 To consent your child for a FREE vaccine:

Its not too late for your child to receive the flu vaccine. We are holding clinics for school aged children at the following venues in January 2024.

These are **free walk in** flu clinics, where we are offering the nasal flu vaccine and the **gelatine-free** flu vaccine.

You can walk in and get the vaccine, or we can book you an appointment. Please contact our team via telephone on the numbers below:

### 2 Follow up clinic dates and times:

DUDLEY: Fens Pool Community Centre, 111 Tennyson, Pensnett, Brierley Hill, DY5 4HY  
Call to book: 01384 431712

Saturday 20th Jan 9am - 13.30pm

SANDWELL: Wood Lane Community Centre, 157 Wood Lane, West Bromwich B70 9PT  
Call to book: 0121 592 1110

Saturday 27th Jan 9am - 1.30pm

WALSALL: The South and Central Hub, Birchills Street WS2 8NF  
Call to book: 01922 9020352

Saturday 27th Jan 9am - 1.30pm

WOLVERHAMPTON: Health Hub, Mander Centre Wolverhampton WV1 3NH  
Call to book: 01902 200077

Saturday 20th Jan 9am - 2.30pm



SAFE!

For further information go to: [www.schoolvaccination.uk](http://www.schoolvaccination.uk)

# TAKEHOME



## In the news this week

10-year-old Teddy Cottle from Oxfordshire has launched a petition calling for Apple to change the glasses emoji, also known as the 'nerd' emoji, as he says it gives the wrong impression of glasses-wearers. Teddy decided to write a letter to Apple requesting the design be changed, asking his classmates and French teacher, Lisa Baillie, to sign it. She suggested instead that it should become a petition and it was launched on [petitiononline.co.uk](http://petitiononline.co.uk).

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > What do you know about emojis? Do you ever use them?
- > Talk to someone else at home. Do they use emojis?
- > If you could design a new emoji, what would it look like?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments